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Events Planned in Twelve California Cities as part of an International Day of Action Calling for a Halt to All Executions and Urging Clemency for Stanley Williams

On Wednesday, November 30th, press conferences and rallies will be held in more than dozen California cities across the state as part of an International Day of Action calling for a halt to all executions and asking Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to commute Stanley Williams' death sentence to a sentence of Life Without Parole. Williams faces a December 13th execution date. The Governor has agreed to hold a private hearing on Dec. 8th to consider Williams' request for clemency.

More than 175,000 Californians have signed a petition asking for a temporary suspension of executions in California while the *California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice* completes its 2-year study of the criminal justice system. The Commission is conducting both private and public meetings and is due to submit its final report by December 31, 2007. The "California Moratorium on Executions Act" (A.B.1121), which would temporarily suspend executions in California, is scheduled to have its first hearing in January 2006.

Also on November 30th, more than 350 cities around the world will illuminate a symbolic monument as a demonstration of their opposition to the death penalty and to commemorate *World Cities Against the Death Penalty Day*. Cities participating in this event will include: Rome, Tokyo, Lyon, Brussels, Barcelona, Florence, Venice, Buenos Aires, Austin, Madrid, Dallas, Antwerp, Vienna, Naples, Paris, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Reggio Emilia, Bogotá, and Santiago de Chile. Cities in California that will be officially celebrating this date are West Hollywood, Berkeley, and Santa Cruz.

The 1000th execution in the United States since the reinstatement of the death penalty in 1976 is also scheduled to be carried out on this date. Robin Lovitt of Virginia will be executed on November 30th barring a last minute stay of execution. Lovitt, who has always maintained his innocence, is represented by Ken Starr.

Events on Wednesday, November 30th

San Francisco City Hall

Press Conference

Noon -1pm

Front Steps

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

San Francisco, CA 94102

Speakers include: Barbara Becnel, Dolores Huerta, Supervisors Mirkarimi, Ammiano, and Daly, Assemblyman Mark Leno, Rev. Amos Brown, Rabbi Alan Lew and many others.

San Rafael

The Marin Chapter of DPF will hold a vigil & demonstration

4:30 to 6:30pm

San Rafael Plaza (adjacent to 1000 Fourth St.)

San Rafael, CA

Fremont

Demonstration on the Steps of Mission San Jose

43300 Mission Blvd. (at the intersection of Washington)

Fremont, CA

Begins: 7:15am

More info: Faye 510-791-8186

Los Angeles City Hall

Press Conference and Rally
 Begins at 9am.
 Front Entrance
 200 North Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90012
 At approximately 10am, a March to the Governor's office at 300 South Spring St. will begin.

Sacramento City Hall

Noon-1pm
 Front Entrance
 915 " I " Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Speakers include: Rev. Dr. David Thompson (Westminster Presbyterian Church), Asm. Sally Lieber, Rev. Robert W. Matthias (retired bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church) , Nick & Amanda Wilcox (Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation) and many more...

Santa Cruz - 2 EVENTS

1) Press Conference and Rally
 City Hall Courtyard
 809 Center St.
 Santa Cruz, CA
 NOON - 1pm
Mayor Cynthia Matthews will present a proclamation declaring the City of Santa Cruz to be an official "World City Against the Death Penalty", and Councilmember Tim Fitzmaurice, DPF, ACLU and others will give statements.

2) Forum on the Death Penalty and Stanley Williams
 Professors Angela Davis and Paul Ortiz, and DPF Executive Director, Lance Lindsey, will speak about the death penalty.
 UC Santa Cruz
 Earth and Marine Sciences Building: Room b206
 Begins: 7:30pm

West Hollywood - 2 EVENTS

1) Press Conference
 NOON - 1pm
 West Hollywood City Hall Lobby
 8300 Santa Monica Blvd
 West Hollywood, CA 90069

2) Film screening : "The Life of David Gale"
 Begins: 2:30pm
 West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, Plummer Park
 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.
 West Hollywood, CA 90069
Speakers include: Mayor Abbe Land, Mayor Pro Tempore John Heilman, Assemblyman Paul Koretz, Mike Farrell, and more.

Woodland

Press Conference
 Yolo County Courthouse
 725 Court Street
 Woodland, CA 95695
 Noon to 1 pm

San Jose City Hall

In front of City Hall
 200 East Santa Clara Street (between 4th and 6th Streets)
 San Jose, CA
 Noon - 2pm
 Sponsored by the Black Student Union of San Jose City College

Berkeley

Screening of Redemption
 7:00 PM
 Black Repertory Theater
 3201 Adeline Street (near Ashby BART)
 Berkeley, CA
 Tickets \$2-\$20 sliding scale
 18 years old and under FREE
Sponsored by: Campaign to End the Death Penalty, Education Not Incarceration, Ella Baker Center -- Books Not Bars, Green Party of Alameda County, International Socialist Organization, Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, and Solidarity Bay Area

San Diego

Tookie, the Death Penalty, the Movement: Continuing the Struggle for Social Justice
 6:00pm-9:00pm
 Community Forum
 Springfield College
 5348 University Ave.
 San Diego, CA 92105
A panel Discussion aimed at organizing against the death penalty and in particular in defense of Tookie.
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Concord

Vigil
 Noon-1pm
 Todos Santos Plaza
 Willow Pass Road
 Concord, CA

Modesto

Vigil
 5:00-7:00pm
 Meet in front of the Brenden Movie Theatre
 Downtown Modesto
 Bring the family. Bring signs and candles. Feel free to stop by and stay as little or as long as you can.

Events are sponsored by: the Save Tookie Committee, the NAACP, the ACLU of Northern and Southern California, Amnesty International USA, California People of Faith Working Against the Death Penalty, Death Penalty Focus, Campaign to End the Death Penalty, Progressive Jewish Alliance, American Friends Service Committee and many others.

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